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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA

1. ON NOV. 19, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS IN RWANDA, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. ALOYS UWIMANA DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FROM PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS).

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BEGIN TEXT.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

I HAVE THE HONOR OF ADDRESSING THIS LETTER TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS FOR THE WELCOME ACCORDED ME DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS FOR THE FRUITFUL MEETING THAT I HAD WITH YOU AT THAT TIME.

I WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET YOU AND TO REPEAT TO YOU THE GRATITUDE THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FEEL TOWARD THE UNITED STATES FOR HAVING SUPPORTED FROM BEGINNING TO END THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE

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RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT A PROCESS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE ACCORD AT ARUSHA, TANZANIA, ON AUGUST 4, 1993.

I REMEMBER WITH SATISFACTION, DURING OUR MEETING, THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RWANDA, NOTABLY IN CONTRIBUTING TO RWANDA'S ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR AFRICA, ON THE OCCASION OF THE DONORS MEETING IN PARIS, IN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY AT THE ROUND TABLE FOR HUMANITARIAN AID IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNDP AND IN AIDING OUR COUNTRY IN ITS PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION.

I AM ALSO DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR HAVING EXPLORED, ON RWANDA'S BEHALF, COOPERATION WITH UN AGENCIES CHARGED WITH SPECIAL AID TO THE WAR DISPLACED AND TO REFUGEES AS WELL

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AS FOR HAVING ENVISAGED MAKING AVAILABLE THE ENVELOPE OF BILATERAL AID PROJECTS FOR MY COUNTRY.

I AM HAPPY WITH THE VIEWS THAT YOU EXPRESSED FOR REINFORCING THE RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RWANDA.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

JUVENAL HABYARIMANA  
MAJOR GENERAL  
PRESIDENT OF THE RWANDAN REPUBLIC

END TEXT.

2. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER CONCERNING OUR MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER. IT WAS INDEED A PLEASURE TO HAVE MET WITH YOU.

LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE PROCESS AND FOR RWANDA'S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. WHILE WE FACE EVER-GROWING RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST RWANDA WITH THE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES THAT LIE

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SINCERELY,

WARREN CHRISTOPHER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

END TEXT.

3. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT  
PLAN TO RELEASE THE LETTER PUBLICLY BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO THE GOR RELEASING IT. CHRISTOPHER

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